

Pitt has no problem dealing with diapers



Gaza Strip divided as Israeli attacks roar on



Sackville attacks lead to charges

CRIME Two 18-year-old men, a 17-year-old youth and a 16-year-old girl have been charged in two violent incidents early yesterday in Lower Sackville.

At about 2 a.m., one man punched the passenger side window of a car on Haviland Drive, while another swore at the driver and tried to open his door. Shortly afterward, two city employees clearing snow were assaulted on Dickey Drive.

The 17-year-old is charged with possession of bear mace; the 16-year-old girl and one of the 18-year-olds were arrested for public intoxication.

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QMJHL Mooseheads manhandled



P.E.I. Rocket left-winger Brendan Wright throws Mooseheads defenceman Matt Boland to the ice during a second-period scrap at the Metro Centre yesterday. The Rocket beat the Mooseheads 4-0. For full story, see page 10

Escaped teen recaptured by Canadian Forces police

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WATERVILLE A 17-year-old boy's time on the lam is over.

The young offender escaped custody from the Nova Scotia Youth Facility in Waterville on Dec. 23.

The youth, serving time for theft-related offences, was outside the institution on a work program. He allegedly stole

a 1999 silver Ford Taurus where he was working with construction workers.

The 17-year-old had earned the right to work without direct supervision of Nova Scotia Youth Facility staff on a construction crew. Yesterday morning at 1 a.m. Canadian Forces military police pulled a vehicle over on Cow Bay Road in Eastern Passage, not far from the Shearwater base.

RCMP Staff Sgt. Scott Warnica said yesterday he didn't know why the vehicle was stopped. When military police ran the plates, they discovered the vehicle was stolen and notified the RCMP. The RCMP arrived within minutes and arrested the 17-year-old boy.

He is facing charges of two counts of theft, possession of break-and-enter instruments, being unlawfully at large and possessing stolen property.

As of yesterday afternoon, the boy was in police custody and is scheduled to appear in youth court sometime today.

RCMP

- The RCMP could not say what crime the teen was serving time for, nor would they comment on the length of his sentence.
- The Nova Scotia Youth Facility in Waterville houses inmates ranging from ages of 12 up to 18 — for mostly non-violent crimes.
- The youth cannot be identified under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

Green cabs coming?

Council debates need for hybrid vehicles

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"It would be a great opportunity to show environmental leadership ... We all have to do our share to help reduce the impact on the environment." Mayor Peter Kelly

HRM councillors want to see more hybrid-car taxis on the road and are ready to change the rules to see it happen.

Tomorrow, regional councillors will vote on a recommendation to change the standards for taxis to allow smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles on the road. It is expected to pass easily.

"Among rational, thinking people, there should be no opposition to this," said Coun. Steve Adams, who chairs the taxi commission.

"It won't affect anyone

adversely, and it just allows more (fuel-efficient) vehicles into the industry."

Hybrid cars use less fuel and produce fewer harmful emissions. Adams estimates the rule change would allow a half-dozen more hybrid models to enter the taxi fleet.

But it's still the choice of the cab drivers to buy hybrid vehicles, and the city will not be offering any financial incentive. Adams only knows of one hybrid

taxi running now — there were two but one got into an accident, he said.

But other hybrid incentives do exist. Conserve Nova Scotia offers up to \$3,700 to cab drivers who take part in a hybrid test project where they record mileage and gas use.

"I think what it just needs is one or two people to try it and see what the savings will be," said Adams.

Mayor Peter Kelly ex-

pressed strong support for the plan. He said it is a way to reduce our environmental footprint without affecting service.

"It would be a great opportunity to show environmental leadership," said Kelly. "We all have to do our share to help reduce the impact on the environment."

HRM already owns Smart cars for bylaw enforcement, and Kelly sees more and more fuel-efficient vehicles being used by governments.

"As we look forward, that is the way to go. As the technology changes, we should change with that technology," said Kelly.

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Free bus passes for blind being cancelled

The city will stop giving free bus passes to the blind. It has traditionally handed out 500 passes, but now says it's not fair to favour one group over other groups of people with disabilities.

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Local



Prof lauded for influence in biz ethics

Saint Mary's University philosophy Prof. Chris MacDonald has been named one of the world's most 100 influential people in business ethics. MacDonald, who ranked 81st on the list run by the Ethisphere Institute, made the list because of his blog, www.businessethicsblog.com, which he started in November 2005.

METRO HALIFAX

No charges yet in shooting, stabbing

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CRIME One victim was shot, the other stabbed in a New Year's Day incident.

A 23-year-old man suffering from several gunshot wounds arrived at the QEII emergency department at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday. A short time later, a 19-year-old man showed up at the ER with lacerations to his face and hands, which appear to be inflicted with a knife.

At first, police officers had a difficult time getting information to figure out what happened, but they found out there may be a connection between the two injured men. The injuries could have been inflicted at an apartment building on Windsor Street that morning.

The 23-year-old man's gunshot wounds were considered life-threatening when he was taken to hospital. A spokesman for the Halifax Regional Police said yesterday there was no update on the case but investigators are still working on it.

The 19-year-old stabbing victim was treated at the hospital and was released.

Police arrested a 19-year-old man later on New Year's Day, but he was released from custody. Police said the man was scheduled to appear in Halifax provincial court Friday afternoon on an unrelated charge.



Mayor Peter Kelly, wearing his chain of office, hands out some snacks yesterday at the mayor's new year's levee at city hall.

Mayor serves it up at late new year's levee

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There ain't no party like the mayor's levee party.

Or is there?

Every year, there's a flurry of New Year's Day levees across the city, but not this year. Most were cancelled or postponed because of the blizzard.

But Peter Kelly stuck with his bid for best levee of 2009 by holding his own city hall shindig yesterday.

In attendance were Derek and Celeste Tower, who you could call levee connoisseurs. For the last decade, they've been regulars of the levee scene.

"We see a lot of the same people going to them. It seems like some people go — maybe not just to eat — but they eat a lot."

Derek Tower

"They're quite different. Some of them have a lot of food. Some have drinks, some have even dancing," said Derek.

"We see a lot of the same people going to them. It seems like some people go, — maybe not just to eat — but they eat a lot."

Celeste said the mayor's

party is one of her favourites because people are friendly and the food is healthy. But when asked for their verdict on the best, they remained coy.

"Oh, I don't want to give away secrets," said Derek.

The mayor's party wasn't quite the rager it is most years. It usually sees around 300 or 400 guests, but the postponement dropped that down to around 150. Still, Kelly says his levee beats the competition.

"It's the music and Frank Arab, who plays fantastic piano," said Kelly.

"And, of course, the food and the camaraderie. It is always the best one in Halifax."

Partygoers complain about new year's bash

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People walking home in a blizzard wearing tablecloths, brawls, and possibly hundreds of people losing their coats are among the complaints after a disastrous New Year's Eve party at the Cunnard Centre.

About 3,500 people attended the event hosted by East Coast Dynamics. After midnight, the coat-check system broke down, with people storming the area and fights breaking out.

"I saw just hoards of people in there. There were random coats lying all over the tables. You're just kind of grabbing coats that look like they might be yours," said Bree Philippe.

As a result, many people were forced to take coats that weren't theirs to make it home through the blizzard. Others walked home wrapped in tablecloths.

Now no one knows if

they'll see their coats again or be able to get a refund. "It could have been prevented by having more security, hands down," said Philippe.

"No one saw any security, so no one was afraid of any repercussions."

East Coast Pub Crawls president Brad Steeves couldn't be reached for comment.

Metro also received two separate reports of someone taking bribes to give people coats. Allison Wood described being in a crowd while a man held up coats.

People would then offer \$20 or \$50 bills, and the man would then throw the coat to the bidder.

Wood described watching a woman buy her \$400 coat and boots for \$50, and being unable to stop her.

"Between the money I spent on tickets, limos, my dress, which is now ruined, and my lost stuff, I shelled out about \$1,600 to have the worst night of my life," she said.

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Allison Wood

Man shot in parking lot

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RCMP were still waiting to talk to the victim of a shooting in Cole Harbour yesterday.

The 23-year-old man was walking with a friend through a parking lot of a Forest Hills shopping centre at 1:50 a.m. on Saturday.

The suspect shot the victim, hitting him once, before taking off on foot.

The victim was taken to the QEII Health Sciences Centre with serious injuries. He was listed in stable condition.

RCMP Staff Sgt. Scott Warnica said yesterday police know in what part of the body the man was shot, but aren't releasing that information because it's part of the investigation. He said police haven't had a chance to interview the victim yet.

The victim didn't know

Info sought

• RCMP is asking for anyone with information to contact police or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

the shooter, and police are still determining if the shooting was random.

"That's also part of the investigation that we can't reveal right now, but the investigation is progressing," Warnica said yesterday. "We've got quite a bit of information so far in the investigation, and we're narrowing down our list of suspects."

Forensic identification officers were on scene until Saturday lunchtime, when they reopened that part of the parking lot.

Though the shooting happened early in the morning, the parking lot is a busy one with a bar, Big Leagues, and a Tim Hortons restaurant with a 24-hour drive-through.

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Video The conflict in Gaza spills onto Canadian streets at metronews.ca/canada

Video Thousands turn up at Sparwood, B.C., memorial for avalanche victims at metronews.ca/canada

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Day-long hospital service reductions coming
A software update for hospitals across the province means there'll be some reduction in blood collection, X-rays and elective services tomorrow. **METRO HALIFAX**

Space for tots in short supply at Dal

JON TATTRIE
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"It's time that this issue is addressed. It has been a problem for decades."

Alison Thompson

A chronic shortage of childcare spaces at Dalhousie University has led a mother to start a pressure group lobbying the university to apply for an expansion loan.

Alison Thompson, associate professor with the chemistry department, tried to book her son a place at the University Children's Centre before he was even born.

"When I found out what the waiting lists were like, I was terrified. You were looking at more than 100 children for 10 spaces in infant care," she said.

Peter Green Hall and the Point Pleasant Centre at Saint Mary's University both have waiting lists of more than 200.

Thompson and 30 other staff, student and faculty

parents are pressing the university to address the shortage. They want Dalhousie to apply for an Early Learning and Child Care Initiative loan from the provincial government.

"It's time that this issue is addressed. It has been a problem for decades," Thompson said. "I'm doing this for the benefit of Dalhousie families in the future."

Margo Kirk of the University Children's Centre was unavailable for comment Friday, but DalNews quoted her as saying the situation was stressful.

"We get calls from people whose babysitters have just quit, for example, and I'll have to say,

'Sorry, we might have a space two years from now.' We just can't be responsive at all to immediate needs."

The problem extends off campus.

"We probably average 475 people on the wait list," said Dawn Macfarlane-Smith of Halifax's Wee Care Development Centre; they have 72 spaces. Prices are rising, too, with reports of some centres hiking rates by as much as 12 per cent.

"We took a big jump last year," Macfarlane-Smith said, raising daily costs by \$4 to \$34.50 for infants. "We promised the families that we would do our best to maintain that, and we've done that."

Wipe out Hang on to your tube



Brittani O'Brien wipes out on her tube as she heads down a hill at the Brightwood Golf and Country Club yesterday.

News in brief

THEFT A Canadian Tire was robbed at gunpoint by two masked men Saturday. The robbers entered the gas station on 566 Main St. at about 9 p.m. and produced a silver handgun. After the clerk handed over money, the thieves fled the scene to a waiting vehicle.

CRASH RCMP responded to a six-vehicle collision on Highway 102 on Friday. Vehicles lost control and swerved off the highway between exits 9 and 10 in Shubenacadie. There was minor damage to vehicles,

but no injuries.

CHASE A 23-year-old man is in jail after losing a car and foot race to police Saturday. Police tried to stop a vehicle around 1:30 p.m. on the Bedford Highway. The passenger fled the vehicle. Police pursued on foot and found the man back on the Bedford Highway, where they arrested him.

ACCIDENT A large tanker truck slid off Hammonds Plains Road, blocking traffic Friday morning. The truck was not damaged.

METRO HALIFAX

Weekend blazes displace seven

DAMAGE Two fires over the weekend have left seven people homeless.

A single-family home in Pictou was extensively damaged. A young mother, her two-week-old baby, and her three-year-old child were left homeless. Seniors in a Digby apartment building were roused from their beds at 3 a.m. Saturday after fire broke out. Four seniors are in a motel.

JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

Massive onslaught of comets hit Earth thousands of years ago

Tiny diamonds sprinkled across North America suggest a "swarm" of comets hit the Earth around 13,000 years ago, kicking up enough disruption — the equivalent of thousands of atomic bombs — to send the planet into a cold spell and drive mammoths and other creatures into extinction, scientists reported. **REUTERS**

Canada/World

Sparwood mourns avalanche victims

More than 2,000 attend memorial service

The mourners began turning up before dawn yesterday, forming a line outside the hockey arena where a public memorial was held for the eight local men who died last week in a snowmobiling accident.

Jack Schafer was among the first to arrive, a volunteer driver for one of the hastily arranged shuttle buses used to ferry townsfolk to the arena. His bus was packed, and all were quiet at first — until someone in the back cracked a joke.

"We all started laughing," said Schafer as he sat by himself in the corner of the arena bleachers, where thousands marched through, to the strain of bagpipers. "It was what we all needed.

Background

- The victims died when a series of avalanches, rushing at speeds of up to 150 km/h, crashed down on them as they rode in the backcountry in nearby Harvey Valley.

To laugh and remember before we started crying."

The mining town of Sparwood, B.C., population 3,600, has been on a similar rollercoaster of emotion since the accident Dec. 28 claimed the lives of Daniel Bjarnason and Kurt Kable, both 28, Warren Rothel, 33, Kane Rusnak, 30, Thomas Talarico, 32, Blayne Wilson, 26, and Leonard Stier, 45, along with his 20-year-old son Michael.

Three other snowmobilers on the ride that day — Jeff Adams, James Drake and Jeremy Rusnak — made it out to safety after digging themselves and each other out of the hard-packed snow, sometimes with just bare hands.

Yesterday, photos of the eight victims stood on a makeshift stage, flanked by a pair of shiny new snowmobiles. Mourners doffed baseball caps and held roses as they entered the hall. Two-thousand candles were handed out.

All stood when the victims' families marched in — including an elderly grandfather gripping tight to his cane and a three-month-old baby, clutching a soother.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Scientists make breakthrough in stem-cell research

HEALTH Scientists at McMaster University have found a way to tell the difference between normal stem cells and cancer stem cells, a discovery that removes one of the hurdles to the long-awaited promise of using human embryonic stem cells for personalized organ and tissue transplantation.

The study, published yesterday, sets out a list of criteria that scientists can use to differentiate between normal stem cells and cancer stem cells, a subset of rogue cancer cells that many scientists believe drive the growth of malignant tumours. The finding will also help in the search for new, more targeted cancer drugs.

Many of the properties of a healthy human stem cell are also the properties of a cancer stem cell — both grow quickly, have the ability to self-renew and make copies of themselves, and they often express the same genetic markers, said Mick Bhatia, the study's lead author and scientific director of the McMaster Stem Cell and Cancer Research Institute. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Ottawa From fire to ice



Two Ottawa families are homeless after an early morning fire yesterday. The fire, which started at around 1:50 a.m., destroyed both homes. It took 60 firefighters to douse the three-alarm blaze, which caused an estimated \$1.5 million in damages.

School-bus theft leads to arrest

QUEBEC A Gatineau man is in custody after allegedly stealing a school bus, driving it onto a car and then threatening to blow himself up with a propane tank yesterday.

Police used pepper spray to neutralize the man. He was taken into custody and charged with mischief, break-and-enter and hit-and-run.

METRO CANADA



A Jordanian woman holds up a poster with pictures of the late senior Hamas leader Nizar Rayyan during a protest against Israel's Gaza offensive held yesterday in Amman.

More civilians killed

At least 42 Palestinians dead in Gaza strike

Israeli forces split the Gaza Strip and ringed its main city yesterday in an offensive against Hamas that has killed 500 Palestinians, including a growing number of civilians.

Israeli tanks poured shells and machinegun-fire into suspected militant positions as Hamas kept up rocket attacks against southern Israel, defying efforts by the Middle East's most powerful army to achieve Israeli leaders' de-

clared aim of removing the threat of cross-border salvos.

European Union foreign policy chiefs launched a mission to seek a ceasefire, but said they faced a difficult task.

At least 42 Palestinians, most of them civilians, were killed in the attack on Gaza's main shopping district yesterday. Among the casualties were five civilians killed and 40 wounded by tank shells.

Diplomatic talks

- Hamas plans to send a delegation to Egypt today for the first diplomatic talks since the launch of the Gaza offensive. An official said Friday that Egypt had launched contacts with Hamas to achieve a truce.

Two children were dismembered by another blast from a tank, medical workers said. **REUTERS**

Russia wants warships worldwide

NAVY Military leaders approved a plan by the nation's navy yesterday to station warships permanently in friendly ports around the world.

The Russian navy has been reasserting itself over the last year by chasing Somali pirates around the coast of east Africa and crossing the Atlantic to vis-

it South American allies.

A resurgent navy has become central to a strategy for Russia — which has enjoyed economic revival since 1998 — to project itself in foreign affairs.

In August, a Russian diplomat said the navy was to make more use of a Syrian Mediterranean Sea port.

REUTERS

News in brief

PIRATES A French warship captured 19 Somali pirates yesterday when it rescued two cargo ships threatened in the Gulf of Aden.

The French naval vessel Jean de Vienne was off the Somali coast when it came to the rescue of a Croatian cargo vessel and a Panamanian ship crossing the Gulf of Aden. The

pirates, armed and equipped with apparatus to board the vessels, were captured.

ECONOMY Barack Obama's economic stimulus plan will propose business and middle-class tax cuts of about \$310 billion US, or 40 per cent of the package, a senior Democratic aide said. **REUTERS**

Arabs vent at governments over violence

MIDDLE EAST Israel's offensive in the Gaza Strip has inflamed sentiment across the Arab world against governments seen as doing little or nothing to stop the onslaught.

Footage of Palestinian dead, including children, being picked from the rubble of buildings hit by Israeli fire, has been broadcast across the Middle East by Arab television channels. Some have supplied non-stop coverage.

In Jordan, hundreds wept during noon prayers, a scene repeated across the kingdom as worshippers recited prayers cursing Arab leaders. **REUTERS**

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Resolve to follow this guide

HineSight

Anne Hines



It's the first week in January and according to the experts by the end of this week, most of us will break our new year's resolutions. Personally, I think this sounds unlikely. Most people I know broke them on Jan. 1.

The truth seems to be that breaking new year's resolutions is as big a tradition as making them. Two highly trained Harvard scientists spent three years, thousands of grant dollars and interviewed scores of people studying this problem, finally arriving at the reason that human beings find it so hard to change.

Apparently, we don't want to. You see, it pays to

Do make a plan to recycle. For instance, any resolutions you break this year can be used again next year.

consult the experts.

But for those who are still determined not to break their promises this year I present:

The HineSight Guide To Keeping New Year's Resolutions.

The No. 1 almost fail-proof method for keeping your resolutions right through to the end of the year is this. Don't make any until 11:59 p.m. on New Year's Eve. Then, increase your success potential by making resolutions like, "This year I will wear a silly paper hat and watch television programming involving

balls dropping in Times Square."

No. 2 on our list: Keep resolutions open-ended. For instance, "lose 10 pounds" leaves very little wiggle room (much like my jeans). Instead, resolve to "eat most responsibly." This allows you to occasionally scarf a pint of ice cream and think, "Ah dairy, that's health food."

Similarly, making a resolution like "take up skydiving" may be just setting yourself up for a fall. However, "try something outside my comfort zone" could include anything from attending a family gathering to sampling discount toilet paper.

The No. 3 strate-

gy for keeping your resolutions is to make sure they sound fun.

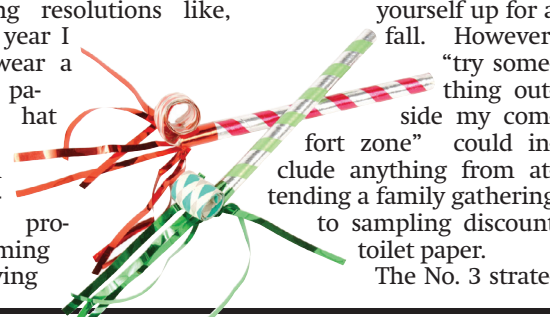
"This year I will live within my financial means," simply sounds like, "There's no big screen TV in your future, honey." Try rephrasing this to, "This year I'll play Survivor: City Dwellers edition." Then, when you're foraging for food and sleeping under a viaduct it will seem like an adventure.

No. 4: Know what you're talking about. A friend says she intends to "reduce her environmental footprint" by wearing smaller shoes.

Do make a plan to recycle. For instance, any resolutions you break this year can be used again next year.

Lastly, tell yourself if you don't keep your resolutions, there's one person to blame. Your mother, boss, ex-boyfriend — you get to pick.

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Views

Unnecessary idling affects air, wallet

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At what point is it better to leave my vehicle idling versus turning it off?

Unnecessary idling can waste fuel and money and increase greenhouse gases and pollutants. Air quality pollutants affect everyone's health, especially children, the elderly, those with existing conditions like asthma and those breathing in contaminants more often, such as outdoor workers.

If you are driving a light-duty gasoline or diesel vehicle (standard car, truck, motorcycle), turning off your engine anywhere

from 10 seconds to a minute will save fuel and reduce pollutants. It is not recommended to turn off your vehicle in regular traffic due to safety concerns, though if you are stopped for awhile in construction or other long lineups, turning off your engine is good thing for you and the construction workers outside.

On cold winter days, slightly longer idling times may be required to clear windows, though the engine is warmed up by actual driving, not idling. Block heaters are also recommended in areas with consistently cold winters.

Hybrid vehicles avoid idling emissions by switching to battery power in low or no speed situations. Cities like New York have taken strides to improve air quality by switching over cab fleets to hybrid vehicles.

Diesel vehicles are often more fuel-efficient than gasoline vehicles, but they produce more carbon dioxide and air quality emissions per litre. Most diesel vehicles are heavy-duty vehicles, such as buses or large trucks; these may take more time to warm up and cool down than smaller vehicles, somewhere between three and five minutes. Excessive idling of large diesel vehicles can waste money; it causes wear on the engine, and creates pollution and associated health problems.

Improvements in technology and fuel type, along with anti-idling initiatives, can lower emissions. Anti-idling programs at schools, as an example, are increasing being implemented as dropoff and pickup times are often longer than recommended turn-off times

for your engine, and the resulting emissions are concentrated in specific areas with many people.

For more information about anti-idling programs for the school and workplace, contact organizations such as Clean Nova Scotia and Conserve Nova Scotia (Drive Smart Program), Ecology Action Centre, The Children's Clean Air Network and Natural Resources Canada.

For my next column in two weeks, I will be highlighting examples of sustainability successes in workplaces. Write me with ideas from your organization or with any questions you may have. Happy new year!

Rochelle Owen has worked in the environment and sustainability field for more than 19 years. She currently works as the director of sustainability at Dalhousie University.

Letters

Sanctioned violence in Canada's sport

Re: "Police assist coroner investigating death of Brantford, Ont., hockey player."

It makes me sick that a family has lost a son due to the barbaric allowance of fighting in hockey. What I find totally offensive is the polarization of this ongoing debate in regards to the inclusion of fighting as part of Canada's game.

The usual suspects in the media have already come to the forefront that defend the need for fights in hockey and have attempted to eulogize the death of 21-year-old Don Sanderson as a freak result of an inherent danger linked with this sport.

Those in the media who support fighting in hockey can rationalize all they want in regards to the odds of losing one's life in a hockey fight. But in the end, there are more than enough examples of NHL players who have had their careers cut short and their quality of life affected to demonstrate the stupidity of allowing fights in hockey. The passing of Don Sanderson could bring

common sense to the issue of safety in the only major sport that allows this kind of sanctioned violence.

DANIEL KOWBELL, TORONTO

CEOs' fat salaries don't match their workload

Re: "Your year's pay a day's work for top CEOs" (Jan. 2).

The fat salaries enjoyed by CEOs is due to sheer greed on their part and connivance on the part of our politicians. If not, why are the latter not making any mention of these fat salaries or any attempts to put a stop to this, but are just continuing to give the poor taxpayers' money to resolve problems created by these same CEOs?

What food do these people eat which is extraordinary? Do they not fall sick or die as the poor? Why do they need all this money if not because of greed? What extraordinary work do they do?

It is true they strategize, they make decisions. But what is a good strategy or decision if the subordinates do not implement them? The CEOs should come down. It is just not fair.

BEN POKU, TORONTO

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Inkjet printers use up to 95 per cent less energy than laser printers, according to Greeniology: How To Live Well, Be Green and Make a Difference by Tanya Ha. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Going Green

Save water easily

Don't fill up your kettle. Only pour in as much water as you need right now. If every Canadian did this, we could save enough electricity to power every street light across the country, according to Change the World for Ten Bucks: 50 Ways To Make a Difference.

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The wardrobe bailout

Keep your style fresh, eco-conscious on a small budget

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Metro World News

Your shopping budget has gone the way of your quickly evaporating savings and you're now sinking all your spare cash into that "rainy day" fund. But that doesn't mean your wardrobe has to remain stuck in recession purgatory.

1 Recycle! Most designers look to vintage collections for inspiration these days so rather than splurge on an expensive necklace, handbag or jacket of the season, try combing EBay or your local thrift store for older, second-hand, and less-expensive pieces that inspired these looks.

2 Swap! In New York, they call them "Bitch and Swap" parties. We call them recession wardrobe savers.



Plan a gathering with friends in which they bring clothes from their closet they no longer wear (Set a high standard though: You want old Marc Jacobs, not worn out Hanes sweats.). Pop out a few bottles of wine and some

snacks and you've got a fun party and an updated wardrobe.

3 Strategize! Rather than buying expensive designer clothing, spend your money on a nice coat, shoes or bag.

These items will last longer and allow you to make a bigger statement than a dress that you might only wear once a month.

4 Minimize! Minimalism is not only a huge fashion trend

Fair trade

- Host a swap meet with your friends — get everyone to bring over some high-end designs and let the trading wars begin! Remember, no sneaks or sweats: Only the good stuff!

this season, it's also budget-friendly. It's easy to recreate a chic, pared down look in cheap American Apparel basics than it is to experiment with the season's richer, embellished looks.

5 Personalize! Nothing can be more annoying than someone asking you, "Did you get that from the Gap?" all day long. Give cheap purchases an edge by sewing on patches or appliques to T-shirts and cardigans or adding clip-ons to ballet slipper flats.

Helpful tips to go 'blue'

There's a lot of talk about being green or environmentally conscious — but what about being "blue?" Water is a precious resource, so here are some easy water conservation tips for Canadians:

Stick a brick in it: The back of your toilet is that is. Placing a brick, or a jar filled with water, in the back of the toilet will reduce the amount of water needed for each flush.

Shorter showers: How much water do you need to be clean? The average shower uses about 30 litres of water in five minutes, so try to keep your showers short.

Quit the bottle: Disposable water bottles create thousands of tonnes of waste every year. Instead, purchase a reusable water bottle and fill it with filtered tap water. Check out FilterForGood.ca and join other Canadians that have taken a pledge to "quit" bottled water, and start making a difference.

Cold water wash: Washing your clothes in cold water saves energy by not having to heat the water. Purchase an Energy Star certified washer and save water as well.

A cool drink of water: Craving a glass of cold water? Keep a pitcher in your refrigerator rather than running the water until it gets cool.



You can help save the environment by making greener choices while shopping for groceries.

Make smarter choices at the grocery store

What better place to start saving the environment than at your local grocery store? Making smart choices in the grocery aisles can help reduce your family's environmental footprint.

Here are some simple ways to turn your shopping list green:

Buy local: When food doesn't have to travel far, it requires less packaging materials, fewer preservatives and often fewer pesticides. Not only are these processes bad for the environment but they also

Reusable bags

- Cut down on plastic bags. Canadians use approximately 10 billion plastic bags each year. Reducing that number means bringing reusable grocery bags with you to the store. If you don't already have some,

most stores have their own brand of reusable bags you can purchase while you are there. Another alternative is to use cardboard boxes to carry your groceries or paper bags that can be recycled.

take away from the taste of the food. Another benefit to buying locally grown food is the shorter distances the produce needs to travel, which results in less damaging greenhouse gases.

Buy environmentally friendly products: Many companies are trying to be more environmentally-conscious so look for brands that offer natural products in recycled packages. For example, Green

Works is a new line of natural cleaners that can be found at your local grocery store. Information is available online at www.greenworkscleaners.com.

Take fewer trips: Car emissions continue to be a major contributor to greenhouse gases in Canada, making carpooling and fewer trips to the grocery store a must. Making a grocery list in advance can help cut down on trips to the store for one-off forgotten items.

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Tax cuts ahead?

Tax cuts could be one way to stimulate the sagging economy, said Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, left. Along with previously announced corporate tax cuts and tax-free savings accounts, he said more infrastructure spending and tax reductions could be options. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Is the worst over?

Investors begin the first full week of 2009 trading today with one question in mind: Is the worst over?

Given that a 38 per cent loss on the broad U.S. S&P 500 stock index last year was actually one of the better performances on stock markets, it is hard for some investors to imagine otherwise.

Indeed, December ended on a rare up note, with global stocks putting in something of a rally.

MSCI's main gauge of

Canada's market

- Canada's stock market endured one of its worst years on record in 2008, losing 35 per cent of its value, or about \$700 billion.

global stocks, its all-country world index, gained almost 3.6 per cent for the month, its first gain since May.

Toronto's main stock index pushed 2.7 per cent higher to 9,234.11 Friday,

the fourth straight session of triple-digit gains to usher in the new year.

Some sentiment indicators, such as the Reuters monthly polls, also showed some return to risk appetite now that stocks are attractively priced.

Many are also expecting financial markets to return to more normal patterns during the year. It won't reach the turmoil seen in 2008, but nobody expects a bull market, either.

REUTERS

Business in brief

CHINA The manufacturing sector contracted for the third month in a row in December, but the pace of deterioration slowed as output and new orders improved, the official pur-

chasing managers' index showed. It rose to 41.2 from a record low of 38.8 in November.

POLITICS New Mexico Gov. Bill

Richardson said he was withdrawing as nominee for U.S. commerce secretary because of an investigation into a company that had done business with his state.

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Real-estate crunch has quick and hard punch

REAL ESTATE Economists missed calling the real-estate decline by a wide margin, to the point that last month the Bank of Canada warned that many Canadians were in danger of losing their homes if the economic crisis gets worse.

"Canadians have watched with amazement for nearly two years now at the collapse of the housing sector in the United States, the United Kingdom and other countries that experienced overvalued housing prices with the sense that markets

in this country stand on more solid ground," says RBC senior economist Robert Hogue.

It wasn't until last year, when prices started to fall in western provinces, that some economists started to question the strength of the housing market.

It was last month that the Bank of Canada warned ominously that many Canadians were in danger of losing their homes if the economic crisis gets worse.

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Obama considers benefits expansion

ECONOMY President-elect Barack Obama and Congressional Democrats are considering a major expansion of government-assisted health-care insurance and unemployment benefits as part of a two-year economic recovery pro-

gram, The New York Times reported yesterday.

Proposals included extending unemployment compensation to part-time workers and subsidizing employer health insurance benefits for laid-off and retired employees.

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THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Water park on the table:

A \$25-million, year-round water park could be on the horizon for the Truro Power Centre. The Millbrook band is in negotiations to bring the 125-room hotel and convention centre to the business park.

Abitibi listing in trouble:

AbitibiBowater, which operates paper mills in Brooklyn and Bridgewater, is facing the possibility of being delisted from the New York Stock Exchange as the stock fell below \$1 on average for 30 days — which is required for staying listed.

Acrobat juggles management:

Acrobat Research, a market research service based in Canso, Cheticamp and Greenwood, has appointed founder Roland Klassen as CEO. Acrobat veteran Tim Sinke will take over Klassen's role as president. New arrival Fred de Haan will become senior VP of operations.

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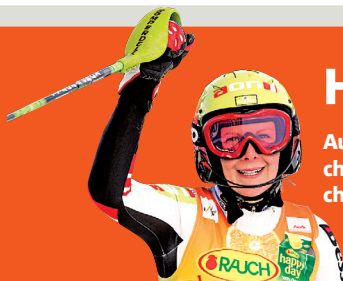
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Hockey player's death renews criticism

The death of a 21-year-old hockey player who died three weeks after hitting his head on the ice during a fight has renewed calls for tougher rules governing the use of helmets. Don Sanderson, a defenceman with the senior AAA Whitby Dunlops of the Ontario Hockey Association, died Friday in Hamilton, Ont. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports



Hosp to miss world championships

Austrian downhill skier Nicole Hosp, left, will miss next month's alpine world ski championships after injuring her left knee. Hosp, the 2007 giant slalom world champion, tore ligaments after crashing during a warmup run for a World Cup slalom yesterday.

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Stars put distractions aside

As if having the hopes of a hockey nation pinned on their back as they head into tonight's gold medal game against Sweden isn't enough, two of Canada's top players know they face another considerable distraction: The prospect of being traded.

Centre John Tavares — the most dominant player in the tournament, and his linemate Chris DiDomenico, a Toronto Maple Leafs draft pick — are in all likelihood not returning to their major junior teams.

The rebuilding Oshawa Generals are rumoured to be sending Tavares to either the Windsor Spitfires or the London Knights, while DiDomenico looks as if he's off to the Drummondville Voltigeurs after two-and-a-half seasons with the Saint John Sea Dogs.



Jordan Eberle and PK Subban celebrate the tying goal that forced overtime against Russia on Saturday.

"I haven't heard anything and they can't announce anything until the tournament's over," DiDomenico said yesterday after practice.

Tavares has handled another potential distraction adeptly: All those questions about any rivalry with Swedish defenceman Victor

Hedman over the possibility of being drafted first overall.

While both Tavares and DiDomenico face a change of address for now, tonight's gold medal game at the world junior hockey championship against Sweden offers a life-changing opportunity for all involved.

"Everyone dreams of playing in this type of game and having this opportunity," said Tavares.

It was almost as if the Canadians might have been overwhelmed by Russia in Saturday's semifinal shootout win, where the Russians shut down Canada's power play by aggressively chasing the puck, and raised a few questions about the goaltending of Dustin Tokarski, who let in a few easy ones. He'll be back in net tonight.

"We are in a spot where we think he (Tokarski) has had the harder tests at this point," said coach Pat Quinn.

"The other young man (Chet Pickard) probably hasn't played in a week, and it might be unfair to throw him in there."

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Eagles fly past Vikings, Fish squished by Ravens

NFL PLAYOFFS RECAP

Brian Westbrook took a short screen pass 71 yards for a touchdown to break open a close game and the Philadelphia Eagles went on to post a 26-14 victory over the Minnesota Vikings in an NFC Wild Card bout yesterday.

Following a 16-14 Philadelphia halftime lead, neither team was able to alter the scoreboard until the Eagles started their fourth drive of the second half with just less than seven minutes to play.

RAVENS 27, DOLPHINS 9

Ed Reed had two of Baltimore's four interceptions, running one back for a touchdown, and the Ravens defence stifled Miami to record a 27-9 win over the



Channing Crowder of the Miami Dolphins tackles the Ravens' LeRon McClain yesterday.

Dolphins in an AFC Wild Card contest yesterday.

In Saturday's action, the San Diego Chargers needed overtime to beat the Indianapolis Colts 23-17, and the Arizona Cardinals beat the Atlanta Falcons 30-24.

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The Halifax Mooseheads started their countdown of the Fans' 15, a promotion that allowed fans to vote for their favourite players in franchise history. Kevin Cormier checked in at No. 15, while Petr Vrana was No. 14. The remaining 13 selections will be unveiled prior to each of the remaining home games. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Moose give Rocket lift again

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If the Halifax Mooseheads could just find a way to beat the P.E.I. Rocket, things wouldn't look so grim.

But with yet another loss to their nearest Atlantic Division foe yesterday at the Metro Centre, the Mooseheads slipped closer to the QMJHL's basement, with no end in sight.

The Rocket topped the Mooseheads 4-0, extending its perfect record in the season series to 5-0. If Halifax had won just three of those matchups, the Rocket would be in the basement instead of having a 12-point cushion on the Herd.

"We know how to work against them," said Rocket forward Brandon MacLean, a Bedford native. "It's good to get ahead (in the standings). They're getting out of contention of catching us, and we're that much further ahead."

The Mooseheads trailed early when Brandon Street scored a soft goal on rookie goaltender Mathieu Corbeil. Even after they went down 2-0 early in the second period, the Mooseheads had hope — until they got in penalty trouble. Checking-



P.E.I.'s Benjamin Casavant shoots wide on Halifax goalie Mathieu Corbeil yesterday at the Metro Centre. Casavant scored twice as the Rocket defeated the Mooseheads 4-0.

from-behind penalties to Gabriel O'Connor and Eric Louis-Seize resulted in power-play goals before the period was over and P.E.I. walked away with victory.

"They laid the body on us early and outworked us and we took some undisciplined penalties," said Mooseheads forward Matt Snow. "That hurt us. We're in the race with them in our division and those points mean a lot." The loss came on the

heels of a heartbreaking 6-5 shootout setback on Saturday at the hands of the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles, who are a perfect 6-for-6 against Halifax.

There wasn't much gas left in the Mooseheads' tank. "When you play as hard as we did against a team like that, it takes a lot of emotion out of you," said Snow, a fourth-line centre from Halifax. "You have to come back with the same ef-

fort, but at the same time, it's a hard thing to do."

Halifax played both weekend games without Jan Stransky, a high-scoring trade acquisition who earned a four-game suspension on Friday for a hit from behind.

The Mooseheads (11-26-4) have just one win in their past 10 games and are back in action on Friday on the road against the Baie-Comeau Drakkar (11-22-6).

Moose shift Pender

QMJHL Meet Justin Pender, checking-line forward.

The Halifax Mooseheads shifted their top-scoring defenceman to forward on the weekend, putting Pender at centre between wingers Eric Louis-Seize and Linden Bahm.

The move was a success in Saturday's 6-5 shootout loss to the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles, as Pender scored twice and was like an extra blueliner in his own zone. "I practised as a defenceman all week, but when I came in (on Saturday), they said, 'You're playing as third-line forward,'" said Pender. "I said, 'OK, sounds fine to me.'"

Pender, who stayed on the power-play point, said he has no preference



where he skates. He was a forward his whole life until being converted to defence in midjet AAA.

• Mooseheads star Tomas Knotek finished third in scoring for the Czech Republic at the world junior championship in Ottawa with three goals and two assists in five games. His team lost to Russia in the quarter-finals.

• At the world under-17 challenge in Port Alberni, B.C., Mooseheads forward Gabriel Desjardins had a pair of goals and an assist in five games to help Quebec to a fifth-place finish. Team Atlantic placed ninth.

• The Mooseheads could be one of many teams making trades today. They're looking to move their top pick in the import draft, and an 18-year-old defenceman is their target.

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Sports in brief

CIS BASKETBALL The Carleton Ravens won the Rod Shoveller memorial men's university basketball tournament yesterday. The nationally No. 1-ranked Ravens beat the St. Francis Xavier X-Men 83-61 in the championship game at Dalplex, getting 16 points, six assists and nine rebounds from MVP

Aaron Doornekamp. Halifax's Christian Upshaw had 13 points for the X-Men and was named a tournament all-star.

The Saint Mary's Huskies beat the host Dalhousie Tigers 79-73 yesterday to earn third place. SMU's Joey Haywood and Dal's Simon Farine were tournament all-stars. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Rainmen pouring it on out of the gate

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The Halifax Rainmen stormed out of the gates on the opening weekend in the Premier Basketball League.

The Rainmen beat the Quebec Kebs 110-108 on Friday and then edged the Montreal Sasquatch 127-125 in overtime on Saturday. It was their first regular season action since March 15 in the American Basketball Association.

The narrow road wins



Brian Silverhorn

came without the help of two of their top players, Eric Crookshank and Rob Sanders. Sanders (heel) didn't make the trip, while Crookshank played just 16 minutes after twisting his ankle against the Kebs.

Centre Tyrone McNeal (groin) also didn't play.

"We got a measuring stick for what we can ex-

pect," said Rainmen owner Andre Levingston. "They were tough games, two games that went down to the wire, down to the last shot. It's good when you can win games like that on the road."

Brian Silverhorn (21.5 points per game); Cordell Jeanty (21 points, 7.0 rebounds); Glen Dandridge (18.5 points, 3.5 assists, 2.5 steals); and Jimmy Twyman (16 points) were standouts.

Guard SirValiant Brown returned from injury and averaged 13 points per game. Levingston said the

former George Washington sensation "made some big shots and did what we know SirValiant Brown has been doing all his life."

The Rainmen return to practice tomorrow and make their home debut on Friday against the Kebs at 7 p.m. Levingston expects a big crowd and said the Rainmen have "more than doubled" their season ticket base to an estimated 2,000.

"They're doing extremely well and they're still selling," he said. "We're going to do well in numbers this year."

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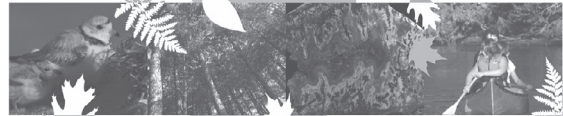
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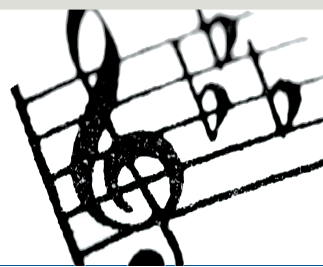
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Laurentian opening

Laurentian University officially opened its new School of Education, which also houses the music department, the School of Rural and Northern Health, and masters program in human kinetics.

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Financial advisers key in a recession

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The economic downturn is the perfect time to employ the services of a financial adviser, according to Allan Small. The Toronto-based financial adviser and Metronews.ca columnist said services like his don't cost a lot and can earn you a lot of money.

"I believe everyone needs a financial adviser today because of the market volatility," he said. "It is difficult enough for us in the industry to try and figure out what's happening and where things are going, let alone somebody who goes to their nine-to-five job and at night goes on the Internet and tries to figure it out themselves."

An adviser will look at your financial situation, compare it to where you want to be (say, retired in

"If you can't have empathy with a client's financial challenges ... you're not going to make a very good financial adviser."

Greg Pollock

15 years) and show you how to get there. Small said if you can invest for three or more years, the stock market is still the way to go.

The TSX has dropped 50 per cent from its peak. Consider that a half-price sale. "If you walk into a Hugo Boss store and see a good-quality sweater on sale for 50 per cent off ... you're going to buy it," Small said. "So if you see shares in (your bank) for half off, snap them up."

With all the layoffs lately, it's perhaps time to switch careers and become a financial adviser. Greg



An adviser will look at your financial situation, and show you how to get where you want to be.

Pollock, president of Advocis, the Financial Advisors Association of Canada, said working as a financial adviser is 10 per cent technical skills and 90 per cent relationship skills.

"It's a people business. If you can't have empathy with a client's financial challenges ... you're not

going to make a very good financial adviser."

Buying a home, getting life insurance, educating

children and helping aging parents are as much about human relationships as they are about fi-

ancial transactions.

Some advisers specialize in mutual funds and will need extra qualifications from an institute like the Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada, which operates nationwide except in Quebec, P.E.I. and Newfoundland and Labrador. If the adviser wants to sell stocks and bonds, she'll look at the IIROC (Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada). Insurance experts will need to be licensed through the province in which they work.

Community Colleges often offer the courses one needs to become a financial adviser.

"It's about putting the client's interest ahead of all other interests," Pollock said.

Confessions of a Yarn Harlot

OddJobs

Diane Peters



At age four, Stephanie Pearl-McPhee learned how to read. So her grandmother said: "If you can do something as hard as read, you can do something as simple as knit."

So the older woman taught the toddler and Pearl-McPhee, who's now 40, was hooked. "I loved it instantly and completely and I've been knitting ever since."

But she never thought she could make a living off her passion. Her grandmother worked

as a professional knitter, but it didn't pay well and the practice had fallen out of fashion by the time Pearl-McPhee grew up.

She studied illustration at Ryerson and then worked as a freelance writer. Then she had kids and became a lactation consultant and a doula. She was working in Toronto hospitals with new moms when SARS hit in 2003. Hospitals began limiting access and suddenly she could not see potential clients.

She went to bed one night saying to herself: "Think, think. What are you good at? What can you do?"

Stephanie Pearl-McPhee has six books on knitting published and has her own blog, Yarn Harlot. Go to Metronews.ca/work for the full article.

The Lowdown

Job title: Professional knitter/writer about knitting

Salary: What a newspaper writer makes

Education/training: Years of knitting

Best part of the job: "What I used to call play I now call work."

Worst part of the job: "I travel a lot and I wish there was such a thing as teleportation."

do?" Her answer: Knitting and writing.

She got up the next morning and wrote to a literary agent. She started writing proposals and in just a few months had two book deals. Both came out in 2005, and she's now published six books. Pearl-McPhee also writes a blog (which won Best Blog from the Canadian Blog Awards in 2008) called Yarn Harlot and does frequent speaking engagements.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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Travolta ‘heartbroken’

Actor John Travolta broke a two-day silence over the death of his 16-year-old son Jett Sunday, saying he and his wife, actress Kelly Preston, were “heartbroken” by their sudden loss.

Jett, who had a history of seizures, was found unconscious in a bathroom at his family’s home at the Old Bahama Bay resort on Grand Bahama Island Friday morning.

He was pronounced dead after being taken by ambulance to Rand Memorial Hospital in Freeport and an autopsy to determine the cause of death is due to be performed in the Bahamas today.

“Jett was the most wonderful son that two parents could ever ask for and lit up the lives of everyone he encountered,” Travolta



John Travolta has broken his silence over the death of his son Jett.

said in a statement posted on his website (travolta.com).

“We are heartbroken that our time with him was so brief. We will cherish the time that we had with him for the rest of our lives.”

The statement did not refer to Jett’s medical history or possible cause of death. But it offered thanks from the Hollywood star, his wife and their 8-year-old-daughter, Ella, for “many messages of condolence

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Travolta statement

from around the world.” Travolta has said previously that Jett became very sick when he was a toddler and was diagnosed with Kawasaki disease, which leads to inflammation of the blood vessels in young children.

Travolta’s publicists have declined to comment on autopsy or funeral plans and could not be reached for comment yesterday.

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critics'corner

Tabatha's Salon Takeover "Kitchen Nightmares" for salons — need we say more? In this new reality series, "Shear Genius" also-ran Tabatha Coffey gives hairstylists the same treatment that Gordon Ramsay gives restaurateurs: a no-holds-barred evaluation of why their salons are in trouble and what they need to do to turn them around. Tears? Oh, yeah. 10 PM on SLICE



The Bachelor "Bachelorette" fans all over the country wanted to hug Jason Mesnick when DeAnna Pappas turned down his proposal. So it's fitting that this handsome guy from Seattle should get a chance to be the chooser instead of waiting to be chosen. And this "Bachelor" has something none of his predecessors have: a little boy, which means he's not just looking for a partner for himself. 9 PM on ABC

Being Erica Who says there are no do-overs? The title character of this new comedy-drama is learning otherwise. Erica (Erin Karpluk) is in her early 30s and living with the consequences of some bad decisions. But a new therapist (Michael Riley) gives her the power to go back in time and make some changes. Of course, every time she fixes one problem, she seems to create two bigger ones, but ultimately she'll learn an important lesson. 9 PM on CBC

In brief

MOVIES The following are the estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

1. **Marley & Me**, \$24.1 million
2. **Bedtime Stories**, \$20.3 million
3. **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button**, \$18.4 million
4. **Valkyrie**, \$14 million
5. **Yes Man**, \$13.9 million
6. **Seven Pounds**, \$10 million
7. **The Tale of Despereaux**, \$7 million
8. **Doubt**, \$5 million
9. **The Day the Earth Stood Still**, \$4.9 million
10. **Slumdog Millionaire**, \$4.8 million

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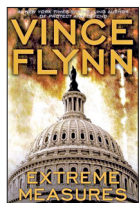
King never fails to unnerve

Just After **Sunset**

Author: Stephen King

Publisher: Scribner

Price: \$32.00 (Hardcover)

Extreme **Measures**

Author: Vince Flynn

Publisher: Atria Books

Price: \$29.99 (Hardcover)

The Secret **Scripture**

Author: Sebastian Barry

Publisher: Viking

Price: \$27.50 (Hardcover)

Just After Sunset, the fifth collection of short stories from celebrated horror-monger Stephen King, contains 13

tales, most of which previously appeared in publications ranging from Playboy to The New Yorker. This new compilation undoubtedly thrills and chills, often touching on a theme of human impermanence. From a hit man hired to waste an unusual feline in The Cat From Hell; to an OCD patient who causes his psychiatrist to commit suicide in N.; through a man's quest to find his fiancée in Willa, the stories bear the hallmarks of King's perennially unnerving style.

BookPicks

The latest thrilling installment in Vince Flynn's Mitch Rapp series is one in which Rapp — an under-

cover agent with the CIA's counterterrorism unit — takes a back seat, making way for a new protagonist. Mike Nash has worked closely with Rapp before and is more than qualified to continue the fight against terrorists in the Middle East. In the name of serving his country, Nash has kept his work secret and forgone recognition for his successes. But in Extreme Measures, he discovers the nation to which he's been so loyal may not be returning the sentiment.

Short-listed for the 2008 Man Booker Prize, The Secret Scripture sees acclaimed Irish author Sebastian Barry unfurl a tale of family tragedy that's propelled by Irish civil war history. Psychiatric patient Roseanne McNulty, 100, tells one half of the narrative, recounting her own blighted upbringing and her father's seemingly unlikely involvement in Ireland's early 20th century political battles. Dr. Grene, Roseanne's psychiatrist, relays the other half of the story using historical documents he's uncovered that explain why she was sent to the institution and that just may untangle her puzzling past.

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La Toya to appear in U.K.'s Big Brother

Michael Jackson's sister La Toya and Gangsta Paradise rapper Coolio are among the stars taking part in the U.K. TV series *Celebrity Big Brother*. ANANOVA.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Lohan, Ronson house hunting?

COUPLE Lindsay Lohan and her DJ partner Samantha Ronson have been house hunting in the glitzy United Arab Emirates paradise of Dubai in a bid to beat the cameras, femalefirst.co.uk is reporting.

The pair reportedly fell in love with glamorous Palm Island resort after Ronson performed at the nearby luxurious Atlantis Hotel last year, according to the Daily Mirror.

And the Mean Girls star is keen to capitalize on a lack of paparazzi in the Middle-Eastern state by snapping up a lavish multi-million dollar pad.

A source tells the publication, "Lindsay and Sam loved the tacky glitziness of Dubai. There is so much money and op-

ulence out there it really impressed Lindsay — she can be quite materialistic like that. Despite her fair skin, Lindsay loves the beach and sunshine.

"And with the property market over there probably the only place where there still seems to be a boom, she thinks it will be a wise in-

vestment," the source added. "There isn't as much paparazzi either — although that's sure to change once Lindsay and Sam become regulars on the scene."

Meanwhile, eonline.com is reporting it wasn't such a happy new year for Lohan and Ronson, who reportedly ended up trashing a hotel room, engaged in fisticuffs and shouting at each other in a dirty alley.

The website quotes a report by the New York Post's Page Six column that says the duo's new year got started with an argument while Lohan and Ronson were partying with family at Set in Miami.

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Pitt loves changing diapers

FAMILY Brad Pitt loves changing nappies, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The star — who is raising six children with partner Angelina Jolie — insists he is very skilled at dealing with soiled diapers.

The website says Pitt — who currently has his hands full with six-month-old twins Knox Leon and Vivienne Marcheline — said, "I'm fairly good with a nappy and all that. You know the secret of a good nappy-change? You've got

to do it quick.

"There's something about the air contact that makes them want to go again, you've got to be speedy. I must say, I'm pretty quick — but I've had a lot of practice."

The gossip website adds that Jolie was reportedly warned recently not to have another child.

The 33-year-old actress — whose other biological child with Brad is

two-year-old daughter Shiloh — has allegedly been told it could damage her health if she falls pregnant again.

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Harris wants to see Jackman on show

CAREER Samantha Harris has an idea of who she wants to see on *Dancing with the Stars*: People magazine's Sexiest Man Alive.

"Hugh Jackman, hands down," the co-host of the show said, according to people.com

The website says Harris would expect the Wolverine actor, who has also starred on Broadway, to do well if he appeared on *Dancing*.

"He's a song and dance man. He's a Broadway

guy," she told People in Las Vegas before celebrating her birthday at Blush Nightclub. "He's got charisma and you know he can move."

Harris said she's even suggested to Jackman that he do the show. How did the upcoming Oscars host respond? "He actually twirled and dipped me. I was so excited," she said. "That made my year."

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No on-set tension, says Eva

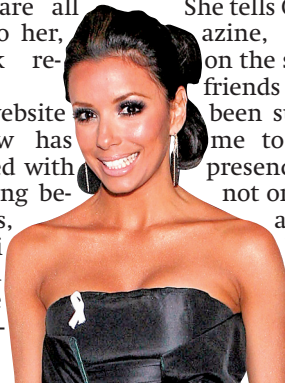
RUMOUR Actress Eva Longoria Parker has laughed off persistent rumours of tensions on the *Desperate Housewives* set, insisting cast members are all "dear friends" to her, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The gossip website notes the show has long been dogged with reports of fighting between the stars, who include Teri Hatcher, Marcia Cross, Nicollette Sheridan and Felicity Huffman.

But Longoria Parker has dismissed the rumours, because she feels "gifted" to be on set with the other actresses.

She tells *Glamour* magazine, "The women on the show are dear friends of mine. It's been such a gift for me to be in their presence and learn not only from their acting abilities but from their life experiences."

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Perry and McCoy call it quits

RELATIONSHIP Singers Katy Perry and Travis McCoy have ended their relationship, people.com is reporting.

The I Kissed a Girl singer, 24, and the Gym Class Heroes frontman, 27, vacationed together in Mexico over the holidays, but they split

shortly before the New Year, a source tells the magazine.

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Kate credits body to Pilates workout

HEALTH Kate Winslet is one hot mama, but she doesn't get that fabulous bod by hitting the gym, starmagazine.com reports.

The mother-of-two, who strips down for her new film *Revolutionary Road*, says her hot body is a result of Pilates DVDs, according to the website.

"I am pretty average," the actress, who is married to her *Revolutionary Road* director Sam Mendes, tells UK's *Elle*. "I have cellulite, I don't go to the gym because I don't have time but I do Pilates work out DVDs for 20 minutes or more everyday at home."

As for her diet, she says she eats sensibly and doesn't "stuff down chocolate biscuits," she tells the

magazine in its February edition.

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Smirnoff really rings in New Year

MARRIAGE Karina Smirnoff and Maksim Chmerkovskiy are looking to perfect their pas de deux, eonline.com reports.

The website says the *Dancing With the Stars* pros took the whole ringing in the New Year literally, getting engaged just before the calendar flipped to Jan. 1, a source close to the couple confirmed.

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1. Metallica
2. Foo Fighters
3. AC/DC
4. The Trews
5. Seether
6. Airbourne
7. Motley Crue
8. Matt Mays + El Torpedo
9. Theory Of A Deadman
10. 3 Doors Down
11. Offspring
12. Lenny Kravitz
13. Apocalyptica feat. Adam Gontier
14. Foo Fighters
15. Nickelback
16. Coldplay
17. Sixx A.M.
18. The Trews
19. Queens Of The Stone Age
20. Finger Eleven
21. Kid Rock
22. Grand Theft Bus
23. Theory Of A Deadman
24. Airbourne
25. Seether
26. Joel Plaskett Emergency
27. Finger Eleven
28. Mike Trask & MudHill
29. Wintersleep
30. Sam Roberts
31. Linkin Park
32. Coldplay
33. Kings Of Leon
34. Sloan
35. R.E.M.
36. Guns N' Roses
37. The Trews
38. Offspring
39. Against Me
40. Puddle Of Mudd
41. David Wilcox
42. The Jeff Healey Band
43. Alice Cooper
44. Loverboy
45. Matt Mays + El Torpedo
46. Staind
47. Hinder
48. Oasis
49. Delp-Boudreau
50. Pride Tiger
51. Bruce Springsteen
52. Against Me
53. Coldplay
54. Nickelback
55. State Of Shock
56. Eagles
57. Katy Perry
58. City And Colour
59. Weezer
60. Bruce Springsteen
61. Rev Theory
62. John Fogerty
63. Joel Plaskett Emergency
64. Sloan

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- Long Road To Ruin
- Rock 'N' Roll Train
- Hold Me In Your Arms
- Rise Above This
- Too Much Too Young Too Fast
- Saints Of Los Angeles
- Tall Trees
- So Happy
- It's Not My Time
- You're Gonna Go Far Kid
- Bring It On
- I Don't Care
- Let It Die
- Gotta Be Somebody
- Viva La Vida
- Life Is Beautiful
- Paranoid Freak
- Make It Wit Chu
- I'll Keep Your Memory Vague
- All Summer Long
- Private Wars
- Bad Girlfriend
- Runnin' Wild
- Fake It
- Drunk Teenagers
- Talking To The Walls
- Don't Touch The Money
- Weighty Ghost
- Them Kids
- Shadow Of The Day
- Violet Hill
- Sex On Fire
- Believe In Me
- Supernatural Superserious
- Chinese Democracy
- Man Of Two Minds
- Hammerhead
- Thrash Unreal
- Psycho
- Step It Up And Go
- The Weight
- Killed By Love
- One Of Them Days
- Building A Boat
- Believe
- Use Me
- The Shock Of The Lightning
- Rockin' Away
- The Lucky Ones
- Girls In Their Summer Clothes
- Stop!
- Lost
- Something In Your Mouth
- Hearts That Bleed
- Somebody
- I Kissed A Girl
- Sleeping Sickness
- Pork And Beans
- Working On A Dream
- Hell Yeah
- Somebody Help Me
- Face Of The Earth
- I'm Not A Kid Anymore

65. Mir
66. Black Crowes
67. Def Leppard feat. Tim McGraw
68. 54.40
69. Sam Roberts
70. Steve Winwood with Eric Clapton
71. Queen + Paul Rodgers
72. Mike Trask & MudHill
73. Weezer
74. Matthew Good
75. Pretenders
76. Mudcrutch
77. Burton Cummings
78. Wintersleep
79. R.E.M.
80. The New Odds
81. John Mellencamp
82. Lenny Kravitz
83. Jon Mullane
84. Shinedown
85. Foxboro Hot Tubs
86. Foreigner
87. Lenny Kravitz
88. Kim Mitchell
89. Def Leppard
90. John Fogerty
91. Velvet Revolver
92. AC/DC
93. Wintersleep
94. Journey
95. Eddie Vedder
96. Raine Maida
97. Bruce Springsteen
98. Whitesnake
99. Billy Idol
100. Foo Fighters
101. Fed Pennies
102. Kim Mitchell
103. Velvet Revolver
104. Age Of Daze

- What Comes Around Goes Around
- Goodbye Daughters Of The Revolution
- Nine Lives
- Snap
- Detroit '67
- Dirty City
- C-Lebrity
- Federal Pen
- Troublemaker
- I'm A Window
- Boots Of Chinese Plastic
- Scare Easy
- We Just Came From The U.S.A.
- Oblivion
- Hollow Man
- Write It In Lightning
- My Sweet Love
- Dancing Till Dawn
- Make You Move
- Second Chance
- Mother Mary
- Too Late
- Love, Love, Love
- Fill Your Head With Rock
- C'Mon C'Mon
- Long Dark Night/I Can't Take It No More
- The Last Fight
- Big Jack
- Archaeologists
- Never Walk Away
- Hard Sun
- Yellow Brick Road
- Radio Nowhere
- Lay Down Your Love
- John Wayne
- The Pretender
- Buzzing In My Head
- I Got A Line On You
- Get Out The Door
- Afflicted

Top 20 Albums of 2008

1. AC/DC
2. Metallica
3. Coldplay
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14. Radiohead
15. Offspring
16. 3 Doors Down
17. Sam Roberts
18. Motley Crue
19. Eddie Vedder
20. Airbourne

- Black Ice
- Death Magnetic
- Viva La Vida
- Dark Horse
- Chinese Democracy
- Rock N Roll Jesus
- Scars And Souvenirs
- Terminal Romance
- Welcome To The Night Sky
- No Time For Later
- Bring Me Your Love
- Weezer (the red album)
- Minutes To Midnight
- In Rainbows
- Rise & Fall Rage & Grace
- 3 Doors Down
- Love At The End Of The World
- Saints Of Los Angeles
- Music For The Motion Picture "Into The Wild"
- Runnin' Wild